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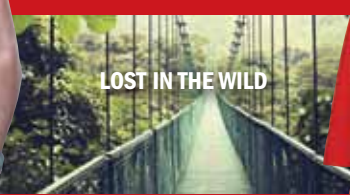
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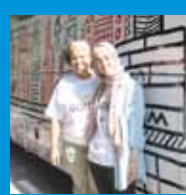
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As fashion week season rolls on, the most stylish celebrities are out in force on the front rows of fashion shows across the globe



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Returning to the city for its eighth edition, the ArtBus provides a unique opportunity for local artists to get noticed



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Letters

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A selection of the letters we've received this week. Write in to have your say.

✉ FOLLOW THE RULES

I regularly travel on the Metro and was delighted that part of a cabin has been extended for females during rush hours on certain days. But apparently, it's not quite implemented and it is frustrating to see men luxuriously sitting on the seats intended for females. I suggest the Metro should consider stricter rules with this, just as how strict they are with the gold class cabin, where a fine is charged for 'unqualified' passengers.

Lorna M

✉ CONSIDER OTHERS

I have been travelling on the Dubai Metro almost daily since it started. I have noticed the warning stickers in the stations and I try to follow the advice, such as no eating or drinking, plus specific seats for old

people or pregnant women. But, on a few occasions, I have noticed pregnant women or old people standing in the trains while youths are sitting down. What are we waiting for? People must be more respectful.

Anon



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Coming up this week



TODAY

Only a few years ago, many people wouldn't have known what 'blogging' meant, let alone the names of famous bloggers such as Perez Hilton (pictured) and Bip Ling. In fact, many of your daily must-check sites were probably started by bloggers—Arianna Huffington, one of the founders of The Huffington Post, now has a personal net worth of billions, while the guy who set up Gawker, Nick Denton, is a multimillionaire. How did blogging become such a big deal?



MONDAY

After wowing fans at the weekend in Abu Dhabi, The Rolling Stones proved that they still have what it takes to get audiences of all ages rocking out. Take a look back at the band's remarkable 52-year musical career.



TUESDAY

It smells good enough to eat, but cocoa butter is also an essential ingredient of many lotions. From lessening the appearance of scars to preventing stretch marks in pregnancy, the solution may be in the butter.



WEDNESDAY

If you hit the beach on a weekend, chances are you will see dozens of people in the water, strapped to a board and holding a kite. Could kite surfing be the sport for you?



THURSDAY

It was the 1960s children's story that captured the hearts of young and old, with a movie version in 2009 bringing the tale to a new generation. Do you know *Where the Wild Things Are*?

Facebook chatter

Here's what you have been saying on the *Read*. Facebook page.

(Responses only edited for length)

When on vacation, do you like to plan an itinerary ahead of schedule or just go with the flow and discover things as you go along?

Ahead of schedule plan will avoid a lot of time waste and stress!

— **Paul Peter Dsilva**

Just go with the flow that's the best thing.

— **Mero Khalil**

I want everything in order and organised so I plan ahead of time when on vacation. Planning ahead of time helps a lot as you will have more time to ensure all of the

important details are covered. Vacations are meant to be a getaway and escape from the daily grind so planning will reduce the chance that anything will go wrong.

— **June Reynan Lariba Macario**

I like to plan an itinerary ahead of schedule because planning ahead



ORGANISED OUTINGS

allows interim goals to be established. This enables to be enjoyed and celebrated as a success in its own right and to have a happy vacation!

— **Bernadette Sabarias**

Better to have itinerary so you can enjoy and meet relatives and friends accordingly coz usual vacay is only for a month.

— **Avie Arrabis Roda**

Do you see your extended family on a regular basis or does it tend to be only at big family occasions?

Big family occasions, it's really hard to get everyone together under one roof for informal occasions.

— **Fouad Shahid**

I'm proud to say that our family ties is very closed with each other. Every occasion we usually have a reunion



HAPPY REUNIONS

and it's nice to see and bond with them and hang out with them.

— **Arman Hossen**

Since our extended family is based in our home country and we live here, we get to see them only on big events such as a marriage in our family, etc or while on vacations.

— **Fatima Suhail**



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City canvas

Local artists set to adorn the ArtBus with their own original ideas and interpretations.

artworks for the ArtBus, which will travel all across Dubai from March 20 to 22 for the eighth year running.

In order to showcase Dubai for the creative hub that it is, the ArtBus offers passengers a diverse view of the city's arts and culture scene, with three routes that encompass distinct arts areas in Dubai.

But it doesn't simply serve to deliver people to venues and galleries that they may never have discovered; the ArtBus offers an exciting opportunity for local artists to work with a unique exhibition format and reach a wider audience by contributing to the design of the bus itself.

After an open call to UAE-based

“The ArtBus offers an exciting opportunity for local artists to work with a unique exhibition format and reach a wider audience.”

artists, the applications were short-listed and eventually whittled down to a carefully selected trio of winners. The artists who have now been commissioned to develop their artworks are Afra Bin Dhafer, Mark Ganzon and Hala Makhoulf, who, each in their own right, represent the very nature of Dubai as a melting pot of backgrounds, nationalities and ideas.

With mobile masterpieces set to be created over the next few weeks and exciting new names emerging, it seems the art scene in Dubai really is making moves. ●



THE 2013 EDITION



2012 ALSO SAW A UNIQUE DESIGN HIT THE ROADS

While Dubai has no shortage of venues where up and coming artists can showcase their work, it can sometimes be a challenge to get a wide variety of people to attend an exhibition. This often results in art staying among art lovers, with the general public's interaction with new artists limited.

However, the idea of a travelling canvas brings a whole new opportunity for those looking to gain exposure for their art. And, when it comes to a travelling canvas, you can't get much bigger than a bus. Luckily, for a select few artists from around the region, such an opportunity exists.

ArtintheCity in partnership with the Dubai Culture and Arts Authority, recently announced the selected UAE-based artists who will be commissioned to produce exclusive

Afra Bin Dhafer



Afra Bin Dhafer is an Emirati communication designer and visual artist who lives and works in Dubai. Her creative practice involves informing viewers, translating experiences and portraying emotions. Through her work, she aims to generate discourse and bring into attention topics of interest. Bin Dhafer finds pleasure in exploring different media and is always eager for new challenges.

Mark Ganzon



Mark Ganzon, also known as "Cloud88", is a Dubai-based Filipino graphic designer and illustrator. He started out in the Dubai art scene approximately four years ago and he hasn't stopped since.

Hala Makhoulf



Hala Makhoulf recently moved to the UAE from Cairo, Egypt. She currently works as a Junior Art Director, and in her spare time she is committed to pursuing personal projects as a visual artist and participating in experimental exhibitions. She has a love/hate relationship with urban culture, which always influences her work.

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Down's boy nets NBA win

The Pennsylvania 76ers made history by offering a young man with Down's syndrome a basketball contract earlier this month.

A teenager from Pennsylvania last week became the first person with Down's syndrome to be given a contract in the National Basketball League after the Philadelphia 76ers announced they would sign him on a special, two-day contract.

Having won multiple golds in the Special Olympics, Kevin Grow has acted as manager for his high school basketball team for four years, but until this year had never got to play.

But earlier this month, to recognise his dedication to the team, his coach put him onto the court for 90 seconds of action that saw him earn a free throw, a steal and a field goal.

He was playing again in the next game, and over two minutes he nailed four three-pointers.

"It was exciting enough just to see him walk out on that court and have

“Down's syndrome is a genetic disorder that affects around one per 1,000 births around the world each year.”

his moment,” the boy's mother, Dorothy, told a radio station afterwards. “But the fact that he was hitting those shots, it's still unbelievable.”

More unbelievable still, Kevin received a call soon after from the 76ers' President, Sam Hinkie, asking him to turn up to the team's regular practice facility.

Over two days, Kevin was treated like a player, hanging out with the team and eating dinner with them. And before the next day's game

KEVIN HITS THE COURT



Did you know?

It is believed that people with Down's syndrome have always existed. However, it was not until 1866 that the English doctor, John Langdon Down published a description of the condition, which subsequently took his name. It is hoped by many that the International Human Genome Project will soon bring more answers and information for researchers of the syndrome.

people with Down's syndrome living a normal life, with around 20 per cent holding down regular employment, according to figures from the United States. Life expectancy is around 50 to 60 years in the developed world for people with Down's syndrome who receive proper healthcare.

According to the UK's Down's Syndrome Association: “People with the syndrome will have a degree of learning difficulty. However, most people with Down's syndrome will walk and talk and many will read and write, go to ordinary schools and lead fulfilling, semi-independent lives.”

Kevin Grow is one such person with Down's syndrome who is certainly leading a fulfilling life and will serve as an inspiration to parents of children with the condition, judging by the words of his thrilled mother. ●

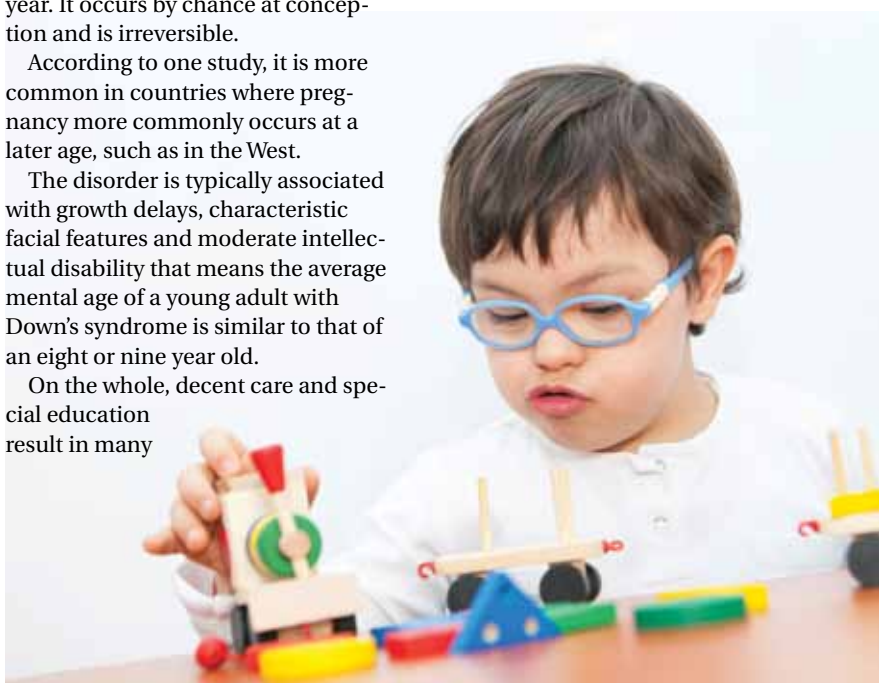
against the Cleveland Cavaliers, he was given his own locker and jersey—even though he didn't see any court time. Still, it had been an amazing experience for him, his mother noted.

Down's syndrome is a genetic disorder that affects around one per 1,000 births around the world each year. It occurs by chance at conception and is irreversible.

According to one study, it is more common in countries where pregnancy more commonly occurs at a later age, such as in the West.

The disorder is typically associated with growth delays, characteristic facial features and moderate intellectual disability that means the average mental age of a young adult with Down's syndrome is similar to that of an eight or nine year old.

On the whole, decent care and special education result in many



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TRAVEL NEWS

Abu Dhabi set to host Red Bull Air Race opening

Abu Dhabi will host the Red Bull Air Race World Tour opening for the seventh consecutive time under the sponsorship of Abu Dhabi Tourism and Culture Authority from February 28 to March 1 at the Corniche Breakwater.



Twelve elite pilots will compete in the world's fastest motorsports, showcasing skills in speed, precision and talent while flying at speeds of up to 370kmph between pylons on board some of the lightest and most agile planes in the world.

The season opener's aerial action will take place over the Arabian Gulf before moving on to Rovinj, Croatia for the first time on April 12 and 13, then to Putrajaya in Malaysia on May 17 and 18.

The Red Bull Air Race will then continue to Gdynia, overlooking the Balkan sea in Poland on July 26 and 27, before moving on to the home of Europe's premier horseracing event – Ascot in Great Britain on August 16 and 17. The tour will carry on in two new US locations, Fort Worth, Dallas on September 6 and 7 and Las Vegas on October 11 and 12 before heading to the final round in China on November 1 and 2.

The previous world tour for the fastest series in motorsports took flight in Abu Dhabi on March 26, 2010. It was an exciting opening round with the change of wind speeds and rise in temperatures adding to the challenges presented by Abu Dhabi's atmosphere and required some serious calculations and adjustments from the participating teams.

Costa Rica's beauty and peaceful nature is a long way from the troubles that plague the region.

In a region that is well known for conflict, violence, poverty and environmental damage, Costa Rica stands out for all the right reasons.

For instance, this tiny Central American republic, bordered by Nicaragua to the north, Panama to the southeast, the Pacific Ocean to the west and the Caribbean to the east, abolished its army permanently, under constitutional mandate, in the 1940s and is considered safe and has achieved much higher human development than other countries with the same level of income.

While bordering rainforests are being cut down and devoured by corporations, Costa Rica has for a long time conserved its jungles to the point that almost a quarter of the entire country is environmentally protected—the biggest proportion of any country in the world.

And while it possesses only 0.03 per cent of the world's land area, it is estimated to contain five per cent of its biodiversity thanks to an ambi-

tious protection programme that saw Costa Rica become the poster boy for eco-tourism.

A rich catalogue of flora and fauna, along with a collection of some of the world's finest beaches, draw tourists not just from North America but from all over the world to this safe, beautiful and exotic corner of a volatile region.

As a result of the government's protection policies, species like the howler monkey and toucan can be seen everywhere, while tours set out daily to gain a sighting of the jaguar. The sea life might be abundant for divers below the surface, while above it, surfers can experience some of the best waves in Central America.

In spite of its sleepy nature, where locals—known as *Ticos*—live a slow-paced life content in their good governance and beauty of their land, Costa Rica is also on the bucket list of all adventure junkies looking to experience thrills in the heart of nature.

One of the most thrilling of these

City life

San José, the Riqueño capital and largest city, is almost entirely influenced by Europe and is one of the safest cities in the region. Filled with Spanish colonial architecture and an almost unlimited selection of eateries, San José is also seen as the cultural hub of the region and boasts a fine selection of museums, galleries and parks.



is flying through the jungle canopy attached to zip cables that can be hundreds of metres long. This wildly contrasting country means that tourists can spend one day exploring the cloud forest, visit an active volcano the next, and then unwind after all that action by snorkelling just off a pristine sandy beach.

However, the country's focus on development means that Costa Rica is no longer the bargain-priced paradise it was some years ago, and those planning a trip there should save up well in advance. The country's resorts are every bit as gorgeous and opulent as can be found anywhere in the world, but they also carry a premium price tag.

But those who return from the country will always say the high cost of accommodation is a small price to pay to experience the wonders of a country that should be on everybody's bucket list. ●

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NEWS ON WHEELS

Al Habtoor Motors' Prestige Division achieves distinction

The Prestige Division of Al Habtoor Motors has the distinction of winning three major global awards, including that of the 'Bentley Largest Dealer in the World', 'Bugatti World Dealer of the Year' and 'McLaren Largest Dealer in the World'.



The Prestige Division stands second in ranking in the world for total McLaren sales figures, with a US dealer leading the category. The division had been focusing and investing in McLaren's brand growth in the UAE through 2012-2013.

Karl Hamer, Managing Director of Al Habtoor Motors, said: "McLaren's heritage and product line-up bodes for a very exciting future here in the UAE."

Adding another feather to the cap, the Prestige Division's service centre won the 'Bentley Motors After Sales Challenge' for the fourth consecutive year and is credited for being the only dealer to have ever held the title in the world.

In 2013, the Prestige Division of Al Habtoor Motors was appointed the 'Service Partner of Excellence' by Bugatti. Only three dealers hold the distinction in the world.

The Prestige Division was awarded the 'Bentley Dealer of the Year for Middle East Africa and India' for the third consecutive year.

Through the launch of Bentley Pre-Owned and McLaren Qualified programmes, the Prestige Division guarantees quality and reliability to the pre-owned luxury car clientele. It provides fully certified service history of pre-owned vehicles and confirms original build specification records to ensure authenticity, along with other services.

Sporting intent

Underneath the sensible skin of VW's most recent Passat lurks a potent secret.

Forty years. A time when most people look back over their life's achievements so far, and look forward in trepidation to the rest. A time of slowing down, of middle age spread, that spare tyre around the midriff and fading looks. So how fares the Volkswagen Passat at such a significant milestone? We drove the latest Volkswagen Passat Sport to find out.

The Passat we get here is a unique model specific to the Middle East, based on the larger American-market version, and offering us best-in-class interior space and rear legroom. Up front, we get a market-specific combination of 2.5L 5-cylinder engine driving the front wheels through a 6-speed automatic gearbox.

Design-wise, the latest Passat falls into line with the rest of the VW family, with a larger, sculpted grill flanked by chiselled, angular headlights. Below sit chrome-trimmed foglights which can illuminate the corner around which you are turning. Very helpful in our recent weather. The rest of the body is strong, clean and simple, with crisp accent lines and neat detailing. It is a sleek, modern evolution of the Passat shape, and a refreshing alternative to the Camrys, Accords and Altimas which clutter the sector. Sport trim (also available S, SE and SEL) adds unique 18" 'Bristol' alloys, giving the car

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real presence.

Indeed, it is only when you sit in the back, or open up the cavernous boot (529 litres capacity) that you realise quite how large this version really is. There must be enough room there for four sets of golf clubs.

So, how does it go? Well, as mentioned, this Passat gets a very interesting engine, with quite a bit of history, and one that is unique in the sector. How many other full-sized sedans can you think of with a 5-cylinder motor under the hood? Quite. In fact, this format has been fitted to the most sporting Passats since the second generation, and true petrolheads will remember that the all-conquering Audi quattro rally cars shared the same configuration. No coincidence there.

Here, it boasts 2.5 litres capacity and produces 170bhp, enough to get you to 100kmph in 9.2 seconds and a top speed of 190kph. But much more importantly, it delivers a completely unique

growl as it does so, an enthusiastic engine note that is like nothing else in the sector.

This engine has always been what made the Passat cool, a car for petrolheads as well as family drivers.

As the top level trim, Sport also gets a number of unique features including fully electrically adjustable front seats, and a lovely combination of leather and alcantara for that proper sporting feel. They are both comfortable and grippy. Sport also brings a touch-screen SatNav, and a concert grade stereo built in collaboration with Fender. Fender? Think guitars and amps and the world's greatest musicians.

Driving impressions? For a large car, it moves smartly enough, and the steering, whilst initially heavier than you might expect, is sweetly responsive and delightfully accurate on the move. If only all FWD cars were as well judged. Despite the large wheels the ride is compliant and quiet, with only a mild rustle of wind noise and tyre roar to accompany the engine's enthusiastic thrum.

In short, the Passat Sport is a car that you can buy for all the right reasons of safety, durability and economy, and still get a thrill from driving. ●

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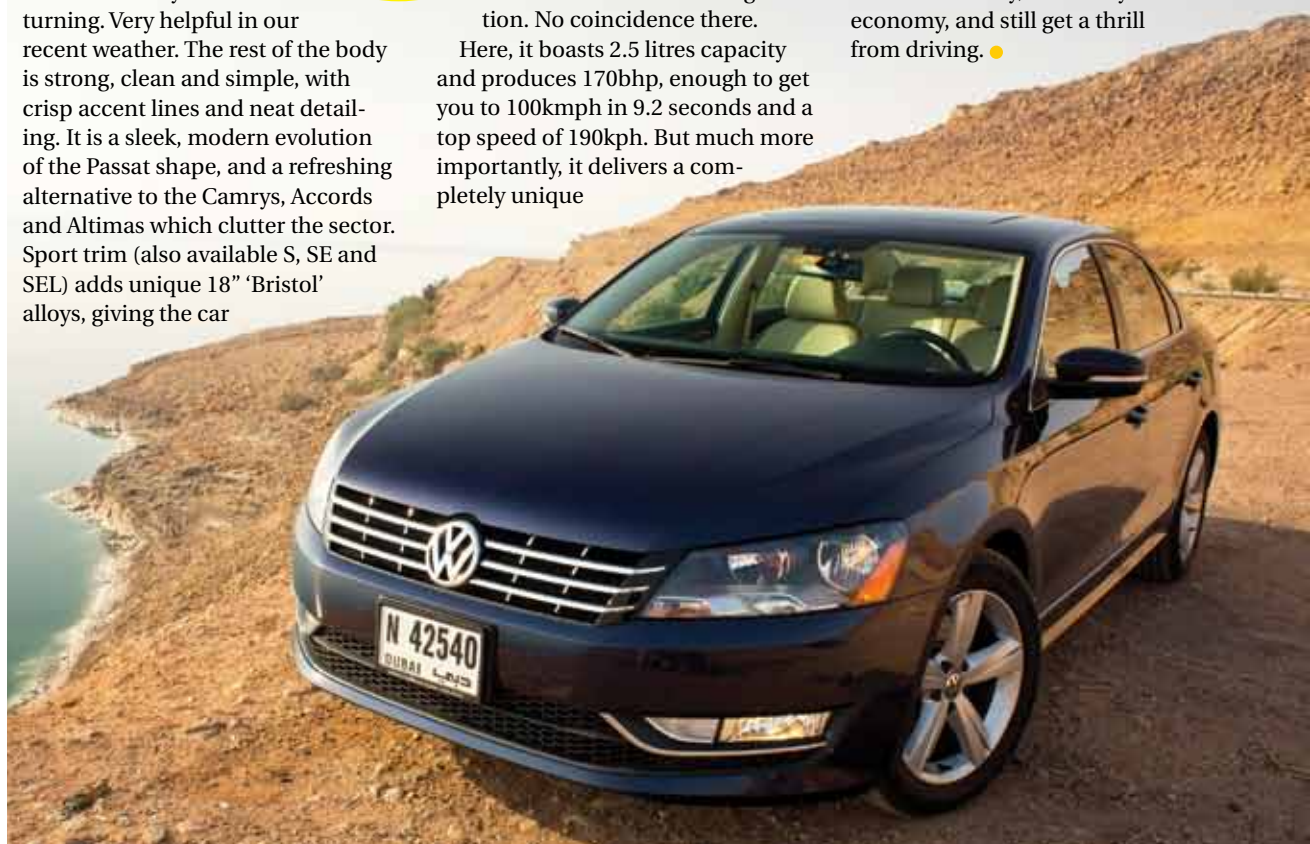
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TECH NEWS

Logitech unveils protective case for Samsung tablets

Logitech has launched the Logitech PRO, a slim protective case with a built-in Bluetooth keyboard for the new 12.2-inch Samsung Galaxy NotePRO and Samsung Galaxy TabPRO.

Mike Culver, Vice President of Logitech Tablet Products, said: "Logitech PRO helps protect both sides of a tablet, while



maintaining a slim design for daily use. Couple that with its full-size keyboard and dedicated shortcut keys, and it is the perfect combination to maximise productivity and protection in a case that complements the mobility of a Samsung Galaxy NotePRO and Galaxy TabPRO."

The Logitech PRO keyboard features Android shortcut keys, including recent apps, quick panel and email keys. The protective case is wipe able and the SecureLock system keeps any Galaxy NotePRO or Galaxy



TabPRO firmly fastened to the folio with lightweight and low profile clips. This system keeps a tablet firmly in place and provides easy insert and remove options.

Logitech PRO also doubles over as a dual-view stand, holding the Samsung tablet in two positions: upright with the keyboard exposed for a convenient typing angle, or lying flat with the keyboard hidden for easy browsing, reading or drawing with the S Pen.



APP ADDICTION IS AN EASY TRAP TO FALL INTO

How Flappy Bird achieved the addiction factor and made money, but was still pulled from app stores by its creator.

The app was said to net its developer around \$50,000 a day, the smartphone gaming world was addicted and by all accounts there were no legal issues, but still Flappy Bird was taken down from the Apple App Store and Google Play, and nobody really knows why.

Nguyen Ha Dong, the young Vietnamese developer behind the app, simply revealed to his followers on Twitter that the game, a basic obstacle course through which the player must guide a tiny, pixelated bird, was ruining his "simple" life in spite of the success it had brought him.

Indeed, soon after releasing an update to the game, Dong Tweeted: "22 hours from now, I will take 'Flappy Bird' down. It is not anything related to legal issues. I cannot take this anymore." Exactly what he couldn't take was unclear for many and, for those who had fallen victim to the addic-

tive app, the news was both shocking and confusing. The decision to stop new downloads of the app has spurred a new, lucrative market for second-hand phones with the game already loaded.

So what made the game—a low-tech one by anybody's measure—so

popular? The secret seems to lie in its pure addictiveness.

"A game doesn't necessarily need to be good to still be fun and addictive, and Flappy Bird certainly is that," wrote Cassie Gotto in Venturebeat, adding that she had often found herself playing it several times a day, usually while laying in bed or riding in the passenger seat of a car.

"It's a great game to play when boredom strikes, and it's not meant to be a great, groundbreaking video game. But just why did it become so popular? Because it was a simple game that anyone could play."

According to Chris Allen, a blogger and game developer, there are seven key elements that are needed in





New tricks

Both Apple and Google appear to be cracking down on new apps taking advantage of Flappy Bird's popularity. Just a quick search of the Google Play store will reveal in the region of 250 games with the word "Flappy" in their titles. But most new ones are now being found to be in breach of Google's and Apple's terms of service.

order to make a game addictive.

The first is to ensure that the time between plays is not too onerous, and that the quick nature of the gameplay keeps you wanting more.

In an effort to build on a highest score, a truly addictive game will make the player think: "Well, one more try, it's only a minute more," wrote Allen. With Flappy Bird, the time between 'Game Over' and 'New Game' was but a few seconds, meaning there is always time for another quick go at beating your high score.

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Then there is repetition. This really is key in making any behaviour addictive. Allen explained: "A lot of really compelling games lure their users in with a soothing sense of repetition. There's something in the human mind that makes people want to keep doing the same thing over and over again, and some of the most addictive games are extremely repetitive."

Add to this a social element, the need for a skill level that grows over time, a range of rewards for improving, fun new levels and temptation that comes from a near miss, and Flappy Bird featured all of Allen's key elements of addiction.

While people may be trying to sell phones loaded with the app for silly money, it is likely that the fuss will die down sooner than it arose, as with many fads.

But fear not, gamers, for there are many more alternatives. And many of them are in the same mould as Dong's Flappy Bird creation, each with their own addictive gameplay and corresponding 16-bit visuals. ●

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Banish negative thoughts

Ignore any negative thoughts or comments from others. Don't start doubting yourself. If you know you are good at certain things then tell yourself that you are worthy. It is possible to achieve your goals by simply thinking positively. It's also important to follow through with this process and take action. If you want to meet new people then think positively and speak to others in an upbeat way. Your energy will attract others.

While confidence may come naturally to some people, for others it is

something of a challenge. You may be shy, more reserved or just feel intimidated by large crowds or in the company of strangers. From colleagues challenging you to conversations with sales people in the mall, there are many little things that can diminish your confidence. If you feel your lack of confidence is affecting your everyday life then it's time to make a change with our top tips.

Challenge yourself

Whether you set out to lose weight, learn a new language or decide to overcome a fear, the task of challenging yourself and actually carrying it out is a major self-confidence booster. Try not to set yourself a huge goal in the beginning, start off small. Set a goal you know you can achieve and then do it. Continue by setting yourself further more ambitious goals to see your growing progress.



Prepare to succeed

It's hard to feel confident about something or in yourself if you think you won't do well. The key to succeeding is to be prepared. If you have an exam, work presentation or job interview, make sure you do your homework. Research the company, revise the exam material and get organised so that you can walk in to the situation feeling positive and confident that you have the knowledge to succeed.



Take pride in your appearance

Each person is different and has a distinct style, so you do not have to follow a fad blindly. It is in fact your attitude towards your own self and others that really enhances your appearance..

Do something you love

When you're feeling low, it's important to do something you love and feel good doing. Whether it's watching your favourite movie, eating a yummy meal or doing something that you're good at, you'll feel more competent, accomplished and capable of tackling a situation.

Smile and be happy

The best way to increase your self-esteem is to smile. Others will respond to this which, in turn, will benefit your own mood. Psychologists have found that even if you're in a bad mood, you can instantly lift your spirits by smiling.



Perfect posture

Remind yourself to stand straight and make eye contact with people. Don't hunch over and look at your feet as it will inadvertently cause you to become more withdrawn. Stand up tall, smile, engage with others and you will instantly feel better about yourself.

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End office politics

For many employees, career contentment often means avoiding office politics.

TEAMWORK

Many professionals feel reluctant to take part in what they call 'Office Politics'. They consider all non-work related interactions a waste of time and energy. They want disagreements settled through facts and by what's right—not by who's friends with whom, who owes whom or who wants something from someone. They perceive all that as obvious manipulation. But if you want to move forward in your career, you need to step out of your comfort zone and recognise the many faces of office politics, even if you don't want to participate in the game. Akhtaboot provides some guidelines that can help you exercise influence in political environments while staying away from playing the game.

WORK WITH OTHERS FOR MUTUAL BENEFIT

Some employees believe that focusing on benefitting themselves at work is the key to success in playing office politics. But a smart and wise employee is someone who wishes for the good of all involved parties. Your success at work is so interconnected to the success of your team that it is not possible to benefit yourself while neglecting others.

DON'T ALLOW DISAGREEMENTS TO BECOME PERSONAL

In order to succeed at resolving conflict in a healthy manner, you need to learn how to differentiate between political conflict and healthy conflict. Political players usually attack either by personally attacking the other person's ideas or people themselves. Since there is no one way in doing anything, you need to discuss and debate in order to understand the intentions of the other person. The first step is to identify all parties' interests regarding the issue at hand. The second step is to



PLAYING THE POLITICS GAME

recast personal attacks on the problem itself. And finally, you can settle any unresolved disagreements by including a neutral third party.

CLAIM YOUR CREDIT

Among the many things that bad office politicians do is steal credit for your hard work or ideas. Don't be afraid to highlight your own accomplishments to your boss and coworkers. Make sure that you document your work and include your accomplishments in status reports. This will make it difficult for others to steal credit. Even if your company doesn't require periodic status reports, you can still send one each month to your boss, along with any other key people you think would be interested to know.

CONDUCT YOURSELF ACCORDING TO YOUR VALUES

In order to find fulfillment at work, your job must be compatible with your values. Some people are motivated by money, power, and status while others find purpose in the opportunity for personal accomplishment. If you find yourself wrestling to stay true to your values within your company's political turbulence, you need to make a conscious effort to maintain your integrity and credibility. If you feel that you've hit a wall in your current working environment, start looking for one that's a better fit. ●
By Akhtaboot—the career network (www.akhtaboot.com).

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SKILLED SOLUTION

Blue Ocean trains region's professionals to acquire key new skills



Professionals in the Middle East and North Africa region are constantly looking to learn new skills and are acquiring international certification in order to keep pace with the constant changes taking place in technology and infrastructure at the workplace, according to Abdul Azeez (pictured), managing director of Blue Ocean.

Blue Ocean is a leading knowledge empowerment enterprise in the region and has played a large role in shaping the careers of professionals in the region, training them to become experts in their field.

Headquartered in the UAE with a presence in the United Kingdom, Saudi Arabia, Qatar, Sri Lanka and India, Blue Ocean banks on 16 years of training, 50,000 alumni worldwide, a global network of certified trainers, international affiliations and multinational partners.

Blue Ocean students' professional skills are honed through a series of innovative training modules in a simulated work environment. It is an instantly rewarding experience and a passport to gaining recognition in a multi-cultural work environment, noted Azeez, adding that the academy's training solutions are accurate, focused and designed specifically to make a world of difference to a person's professional life.

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Bath & Body Works launches Forever Midnight

Bath & Body Works has launched Forever Midnight as part of the Forever Fragrance collection. Created with the creative vision of master perfumers and produced with some of the rarest ingredients in attractive customised packaging, each fragrance has a compelling story to tell.



It took a team of three International Flavors and Fragrances perfumers—Carlos Benaim, Jean Marc Chaillan, and Clemente Gavarry—over two years to perfectly execute the vision behind Forever Midnight.

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Like the fragrance, the Forever Midnight packaging is inspired by all that sparkles against the darkness of the night. The packaging design depicts the jewel-like depth and luminosity of the starlit night sky.

Bath & Body Works specialises in personal care and regularly introduces fragrant and flavourful products that include shower gels, lotions, candles and accessories.

Front row fashion

A host of stylish celebs took over the big apple for New York Fashion Week.

STYLE SPOTTER

The front rows of the hottest catwalk shows at New York Fashion Week were lined with a bevy of famous beauties, from supermodels to actors, musicians to society queens. As usual, with such a trendy front row grabbing the spotlight, the attention wasn't just on what the designer collections have in store, but rather what fashion trends our favourite stars are wearing.

Dynamic duo

Blake Lively looked every inch the all-American girl at the Michael Kors show. Wearing a navy floral dress, cropped blazer and leather belt from the designer himself, teamed with Christian Louboutin snakeskin pumps, the actress looked spring ready. The navy blue colour complimented her signature, tousled blonde hair. Lively's companion Rose Byrne looked equally as pretty in a navy pleated tea dress and brown belt, highlighting her waist.



Fashion fixture

Fashion guru Louise Roe attended the Jenny Packham ready-to-wear show wearing an emerald green A-line cocktail dress with bronze crystal sunburst beading from the Pre-autumn/winter 2013 collection. The British celebrity accessorised with earrings from Lia Sophia, metallic bronze pointed heels and a red coat channelling her inner fairytale princess.

Stylish newcomer

Dakota Fanning chose a more conservative style for the Proenza Schouler fashion show. The young actress donned a long, black coat over a simple, neutral shift dress. Caged black heels and a clutch added some attitude to the no-nonsense look.



Girl's day out

Actresses Anna Sophia Robb and Bella Thorne looked stunning in the front row at the Diane Von Furstenberg show. Robb wore a limited edition red Chinese New Year dress with horse motifs by Von Furstenberg, which looked great paired with pumps and a studded bag. Teen starlet Bella Thorne worked grown-up glamour in a tan, suede jumpsuit and cut-out tan sandals. The young actress added layers of necklaces for a bohemian vibe.

Party perfect

Film favourite Anna Kendrick attended the Jenny Packham show wearing a colourful silk chiffon cocktail dress with a rust coloured gros grain ribbon belt from Jenny Packham's spring/summer 2014 collection. She paired the pretty dress with a small satin embellished clutch in silver from the pre-autumn/winter 2014 accessories collection. The young actress wore her hair in soft waves for a romantic, feminine look.



Front row fellows

Singer Joe Jonas looked dapper in a grey trench coat at the Marc Jacobs fashion show. The star wore a printed shirt and dark brown trousers with stylish navy shoes. The dark hues and choice of layering were suited to the cold New York weather. Michael Douglas wore an all-black ensemble to the Michael Kors show. The actor paired a knitted polo neck sweater with classic black trousers, blazer and patent shoes. Irish actor Colin Farrell looked handsome in his signature shirt and waistcoat combo. The 37-year-old wore a large overcoat over his jeans and distressed black boots for a casual yet smart look.



America's best-loved hero is still confused by the modern world.

NEW RELEASE

Marvel's *Captain America: The Winter Soldier* marks the third time Chris Evans will don the red, white and blue uniform of the US's favourite comic book character. It will also serve as the first venture by directors Joe and Anthony Russo (*Community*) into the Marvel cinematic universe.

Two years on from the events of *The Avengers*, Steve Rogers, played by Evans is still struggling to adapt to modern life as a civilian in Washington DC. But once a S.H.I.E.L.D comrade is attacked, Captain America's mild-mannered alter ego becomes entangled in a mystery that may endanger the globe.

Having teamed up with Natasha Romanoff (Scarlett Johansson), otherwise known as the Black Widow, Captain America sets out to uncover the growing threat while fending off

hordes of hired hit men and other dangers along the way. Once they discover the scale of the threat, Captain America and the Black Widow must recruit the assistance of the Falcon (Anthony Mackie, *The Hurt Locker*) before they can face off against the powerful Winter Soldier (Sebastian Stan, *Gossip Girl*).

Set for release to international markets at the end of March, little is still known of the production, other than a few storyline teases and the approach the Russos have taken to the film's direction.

The Russos are reported to have wanted to keep their use of CGI to a minimum, thereby retaining the live action filming approach that has been a feature of the *Captain America* franchise so far. Nevertheless, five special effects companies have been involved in creating the visual effects of the film.



THE FALCON FLIES IN TO HELP



REDFORD ENTERS THE MARVEL UNIVERSE

Did you know?

The movie marks Robert Redford's entry into the Marvel Universe. He said: "I wanted to experience this new form of filmmaking that's taken over where you have kind of cartoon characters brought to life through high technology."

Screenwriters Christopher Markus and Stephen McFeely began the story back in 2011, and set out to take Captain America himself into a modern setting, although using flashbacks to return the character to his famous WWII setting.

Producer Kevin Feige has since dubbed the movie a "political thriller", saying that the Marvel comic books took Captain America through a number of political passages, from Watergate to the Reagan era, through which the superhero gained a greater understanding of how the corridors of power worked.

Aside from Evans donning his suit once more, screen legends including Robert Redford and Samuel L Jackson have also been drafted into this blockbuster, with Redford as a high-ranking officer of S.H.I.E.L.D. and Jackson reprising his roles as Nick Fury, S.H.I.E.L.D's director. Meanwhile, UFC fighter Georges St-Pierre makes an appearance as Batroc the Leaper.

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THE READ. WEEKLY GUIDE TO WHAT'S ON AT THE MOVIES.

SCHEDULE CORRECT AT TIME OF GOING TO PRESS; HOWEVER, PLEASE NOTE THAT MOVIE THEATRES CAN CHANGE SCHEDULES WITHOUT NOTICE



Grand Cineplex - Wafi

3 Days To Kill - 10:00, 11:00, 12:20, 13:20, 14:40, 15:40, 17:00, 18:00, 19:20, 20:20, 21:40, 22:40, 00:00, 01:00
American Hustle - 21:20, 00:00
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Hercules: The Legend - 12:00, 16:00, 20:00, 00:00
Highway - 10:00, 12:40, 15:20, 18:00, 20:40, 23:20
Legendary: Tomb Of The Dragon - 20:00, 22:00, 00:00
The Lego Movie - 10:30, 12:30, 14:30, 16:30
Main Hoon Shahid Afridi - 17:00, 20:00, 23:00
Monuments Men - 11:00, 13:30, 16:00, 18:30, 21:15, 23:45
Oggy & The Cockroaches - 11:30, 13:30, 15:30, 17:30, 19:30
Punyalan Agabathis - 10:00, 12:50, 15:40, 18:30, 21:20, 00:10
Ride Along - 11:30, 13:30, 15:30, 17:30, 19:30, 21:35, 23:40
Robocop - 10:00, 12:20, 14:40, 17:00, 19:20, 21:40, 00:00
That Awkward Moment - 20:00, 22:00, 00:00

Grand Megaplex - Ibn Battuta

3 Days To Kill - 11:00, 10:00, 12:20, 13:20, 14:40, 15:40, 17:00, 18:00, 19:20, 20:20, 21:40, 22:40, 00:00, 01:00
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That Awkward Moment - 20:00, 22:00, 00:00

Grand Cinemas - Festival City

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Punyalan Agabathis - 18:00, 20:50, 23:40
Robocop - 20:00, 22:10, 00:20

Reel Cinemas - Dubai Mall

12 Years A Slave - 13:50, 19:00, 00:10
3 Days To Kill - 11:15
American Hustle - 11:25, 14:10, 17:00, 19:50, 22:40, 23:55, 01:30
Anchorman 2 - 11:45, 14:05, 16:25, 18:45, 21:05, 23:25, 01:40
Endless Love - 13:35, 17:55, 22:15
The Lego Movie - 13:25, 17:35, 21:45
The Lego Movie (3D) - 11:10, 15:30, 19:40
Lone Survivor - 14:15, 19:20, 0:25
Monuments Men - 11:55, 14:20, 16:50, 19:20, 21:50, 00:20
Pompeii - 11:30, 16:00, 20:30, 1:00
Punyalan Agabathis - 11:15, 17:25, 23:30
Robocop - 13:05, 18:30, 23:50
Robocop (4D) - 16:00
Tarzan (4D) - 11:15
Saving Mr Banks - 11:40, 16:45, 21:50
That Awkward Moment - 15:50, 20:10, 00:30
Vikingdom - 12:20, 14:45, 17:10, 19:35, 22:00, 00:25
Winter's Tale - 11:20, 16:30, 21:40

Reel Cinemas - Marina Mall

3 Days To Kill - 12:05, 14:25, 16:50, 19:15, 21:40, 0:05
American Hustle - 12:15, 15:05, 17:55, 20:45, 23:35
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Vox Cinemas - Deira City Centre

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Gunday - 11:00, 14:15, 16:15, 17:30, 20:45, 22:30, 00:00
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Highway - 11:15, 14:15, 17:15, 19:30, 20:15, 23:15, 01:40
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Vox Cinemas - Mall of the Emirates

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Vox Cinemas - Mirdif City Centre

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Tarzan (4D) - 10:15
Winter's Tale - 19:00

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The festival will feature over 140 classic cars and motorcycles.
Date: February 27 - March 3
Time: 10am - 10pm
Venue: Mohammed Bin Rashid Boulevard, Downtown Dubai
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More info: 04 367 3588



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The famous Irish rock band will perform some of their most famous hits live in Dubai.
Date: February 27
Time: 7pm
Venue: Almas Tower, JLT
Admission: Dh150
More info: 04 378 0800

The Oil Barons Charity Ball 2014

The annual charity celebration is back, this year with a *James Bond* theme.
Date: February 28
Time: 7pm
Venue: Meydan Grandstand and Racecourse, Nad Al Sheba
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Time: Evening
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Hollywood news

Big news?



While her past relationships have been public property, Katy Perry has been relatively coy when it comes to her current partner, musician John Mayer. But rumours are now rife that the couple has got engaged, after Katy was spotted wearing a ring on her wedding finger on Valentine's Day. Watch this space.

Rising star

It appears Kendall Jenner of *Keeping up with the Kardashians* fame is on her way to supermodel stardom. After her runway debut, the teen was

spotted in the front row of London Fashion Week, seated alongside none other than Anna Wintour, editor-in-chief of *Vogue* and one of the most respected names in fashion.



Tonight's the night



FAMOUS FRIENDS AND LOTS OF LAUGHS

It was the hotly anticipated debut of the year so far and, luckily, Jimmy Fallon's first foray into the presenter role of *The Tonight Show* was deemed a success after pulling in 11.3 million viewers and providing a host of comedic treats along the way.

Stepping into the shoes of former host Jay Leno, Jimmy is obviously no stranger to the late night chat show format, after hosting *Late Night with Jimmy Fallon* since 2009 and previously being on the comedic cast of hit show *Saturday Night Live*.

To open his debut show Jimmy poked fun at himself in a monologue before thanking his wife Nancy, their six-month-old daughter Winnie and his parents. He then claimed to be owed \$100 from a 'buddy' that said he would never host *The Tonight Show*, a claim that saw a host of famous faces—from Robert DeNiro to Mariah Carey—enter the stage to hand over cash as part of the running joke.

Among the other cameo appearances, Will Smith—who recently enjoyed an action-packed vacation in Dubai—joined Jimmy for a skit titled *The Evolution of Hip Hop Dancing*. After a successful opener, it's fair to say the new host is certainly off to a flying start.

In loving memory

She may have scooped the coveted Best Actress gong as last week's British Academy of Film and Television Arts (BAFTA)

awards, but Cate Blanchett made sure that the focus was shared with her dear friend recently departed, actor Philip Seymour Hoffman. Accepting

the award for her role in *Blue Jasmine*, Cate chose not to speak of her own achievements, but paid tribute to her *The Talented Mr Ripley* co-star, who passed away earlier this month. Addressing the late actor directly, Blanchett said: "Phil, your monumental talent, your generosity and your unflinching quest for truth—both in art and in life—will be missed by so many people." The tribute was well received by the other famous faces in attendance, many of whom had shared a friendship with—or simply an admiration of—the late actor.



Bollywood news

Guest star

Set to release in just one month, new flick *Youngistaan* still has one vital scene that's yet to be filmed. And it's not just any scene—the missing sequence is no less than a cameo from Shah Rukh Khan. The scene is said to be an integral part of the script and was written into the plot from the very start.



Strong bond

It seems Abhishek Bachchan appreciates his wife Aishwarya Rai's beauty as much as her fans do. The actor revealed: "She is the most beautiful woman, nobody is lying. I believe that she is. To me she is the most beautiful thing on earth. She is great fun; she is really my best friend."



Sweet tooth

She's considered one of Bollywood's biggest beauties, but it seems as though Kareena Kapoor has now joined the ranks of global superstars Eva Mendes and Eva Longoria by taking on the role of Indian brand ambassador for an ice cream manufacturer. Kareena shot her first ad for the brand last week.



New look

The anticipation for new flick *Tevar* is building once more after the first sneaky peaks of its star Sonakshi Sinha in her lead role were revealed. From traditional styling to a slinky, eye-catching sparkler of an outfit, Sonakshi is certainly proving her might in the on-screen style stakes.



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- Burj Khalifa

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PARTNERSHIPS

The Roads and Transport Authority of Dubai (RTA) has signed a partnership with Network International, the leading payment solutions provider in the Middle East, to enable passengers travelling by RTA taxis to pay their fares via Nol, debit and credit cards.

The announcement was made in Dubai by Dr Yousef Al Ali, Chief Executive Officer, RTA Public Transport Agency; Abdullah Al Madani, Chief Executive Officer, RTA Corporate Technical Support Services Sector; and Bhairav Trivedi, Chief Executive Officer, Network International.

The move comes in line with the RTA's strategic objective to guarantee the convenience and comfort of passengers on the RTA transport network, and was implemented from February 19, 2014. The initiative, which also complements the RTA's efforts to build on its solid commitment to enhance Dubai's Smart City Initiatives, will make daily transiting by RTA taxis easier and hassle-free for passengers.

Al Ali said the significant service is scheduled to be completed by mid 2015, stating: "This initiative would indisputably constitute an added value service to public transport

commuting in general and to taxi riding in particular."

"The taxi service sector is witnessing remarkable growth in Dubai, thanks to the increasing demand from the public, representing all social cross sections including residents, tourists and visitors. The demand is especially high during peak seasons when Dubai hosts a range of events such as conventions, exhibitions, fairs and other landmark events," added Al Ali.

"Nol cards and credit and debit cards of various types from all around the world can be used to pay the taxi fares to smoothly and easily facilitate payment without the trouble of finding ATMs, in case cash is not in hand," continued Al Ali.

Al Madani reaffirmed the RTA's

"The system is customised to enable taxi users to tip the driver through the use of Nol, debit and credit cards."

continuous commitment to develop its technical services in line with fulfilling the customers' needs through the acceptance of different bank debit and credit cards from all over the world to pay taxi fares especially since many taxi users sometimes do not carry cash.

"This initiative would unquestionably raise the level of satisfaction of taxi commuters, and the system is customised to enable taxi users to

tip the driver through the use of Nol, debit and credit cards."

The payment solution for this initiative is powered by Network International, the leading payment solutions provider in the Middle East.

"Network International is committed to work with government entities across the UAE to contribute towards the successful implementation of various initiatives on a nation-wide platform," said Trivedi. "We are pleased to have been selected by the RTA to be the payment provider for this ambitious project, which is a key initiative in line with RTA's Smart-Taxi vision."

"The convenience of taxi users in Dubai was the key driving factor behind the launch of this service. Through this partnership, Network International continues to demonstrate its capability to provide competent and effective support for high-level projects. The latest development also highlights the remarkable progress Network International is making in terms of enabling card acceptance on a truly wide scale," added Trivedi.

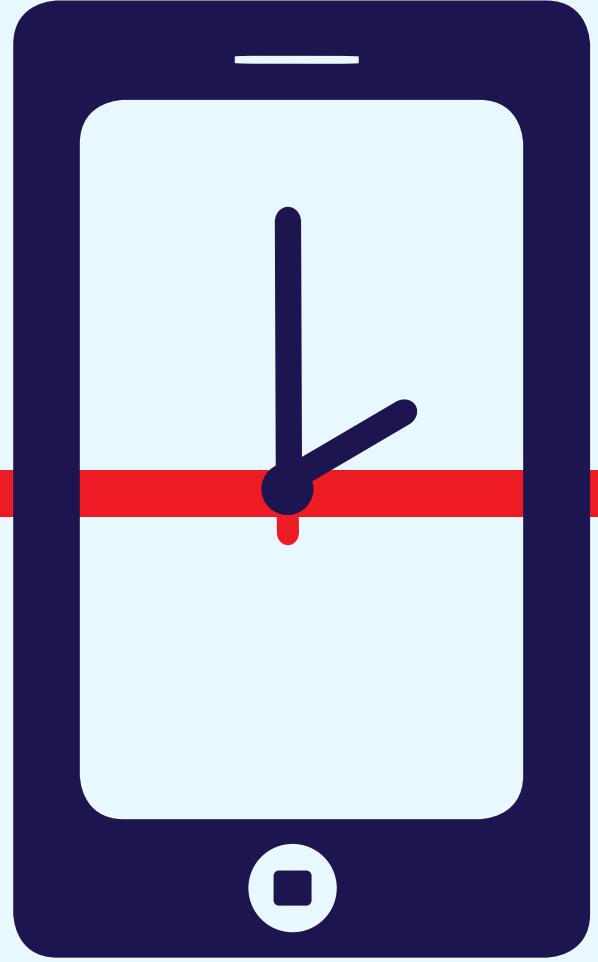
Trivedi confirmed that Network International is working closely with the RTA to ensure secure and convenient acceptance of Nol, debit and credit cards—including Visa, MasterCard, JCB, China Union Pay and Diners—through the POS terminals in the taxis. "The roll out of the new service will eliminate the cash pain point of taxi commuters, who will no longer have to worry about getting back the exact change from the taxi driver," he added.

Network International is the UAE's largest payment acquirer for credit and debit cards, and the largest third-party processing vendor, offering complete EMV-certified solutions as institutions migrate to EMV smart card technology. The company's services and expertise are utilised by several government departments across the UAE, in addition to some of the biggest banks, financial institutions, and retailers in the country. ●



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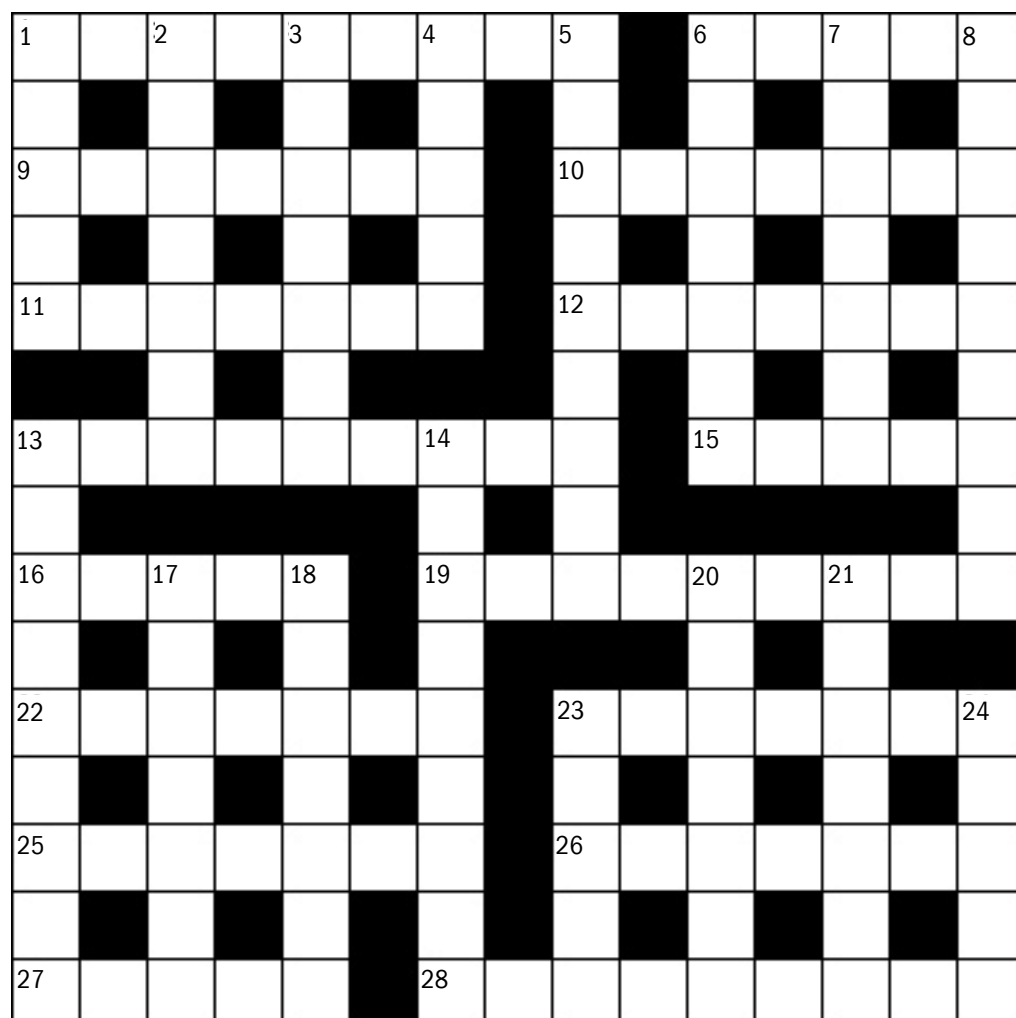
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Crossword

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1 Debased (9) **6** Pitchers (5) **9** Lovestruck (7) **10** Charming (7) **11** Condescended (7) **12** Stealing (7) **13** Comes with thunder (9) **15** Boredom (5) **16** Alcove (5) **19** Affixing (9) **22** Stormy (waves) (7) **23** Type of protein that forms hooves (7) **25** Artist's studio (7) **26** Exposes (7) **27** A red fluorescent dye (5) **28** Not hurried (9)

Down

1 Modelled (5) **2** Precipitating (7) **3** No longer alive (7) **4** Adjusted (5) **5** Out-and-out (9) **6** Give a title to someone (7) **7** A feeling (7) **8** Sledging (9) **13** Vista (9) **14** The ceremonial induction (9) **17** Vocations (7) **18** The omission of a vowel (7) **20** Reindeer (7) **21** In an extreme degree (7) **23** A family of Sino-Tibetan languages (5) **24** Vile (5)

ANSWERS



Recipe

Dauphinoise potatoes

These creamy potatoes go perfectly with roast chicken and fresh vegetables.

Ingredients

2 garlic cloves
10g sea salt
500g potatoes
Ground black pepper
300ml double cream
300ml milk

Method

1. Preheat the oven to 180C. Peel and halve one of the garlic cloves and rub it all around the inside of a large oven proof dish.
2. Combine the garlic clove that you have already halved with the remaining clove, also peeled. Finely chop the garlic then, using a flat

Serves
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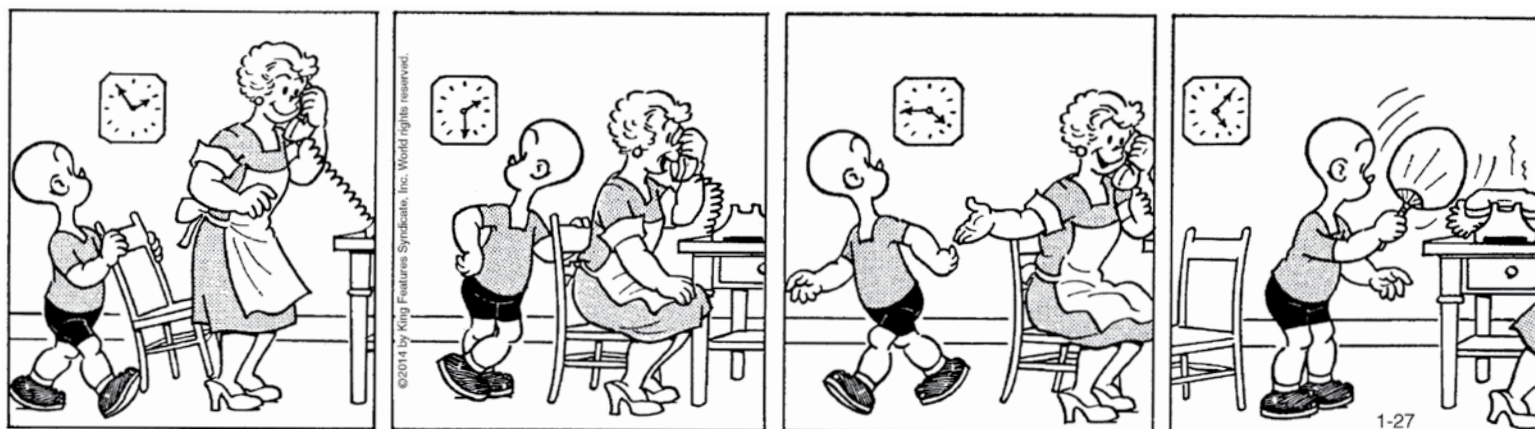
knife, crush it together with sea salt to make a paste.

3. Peel the potatoes and cut into thin slices. Layer the sliced potato and mashed garlic in the dish, seasoning the layers as you go with freshly ground black pepper to taste.

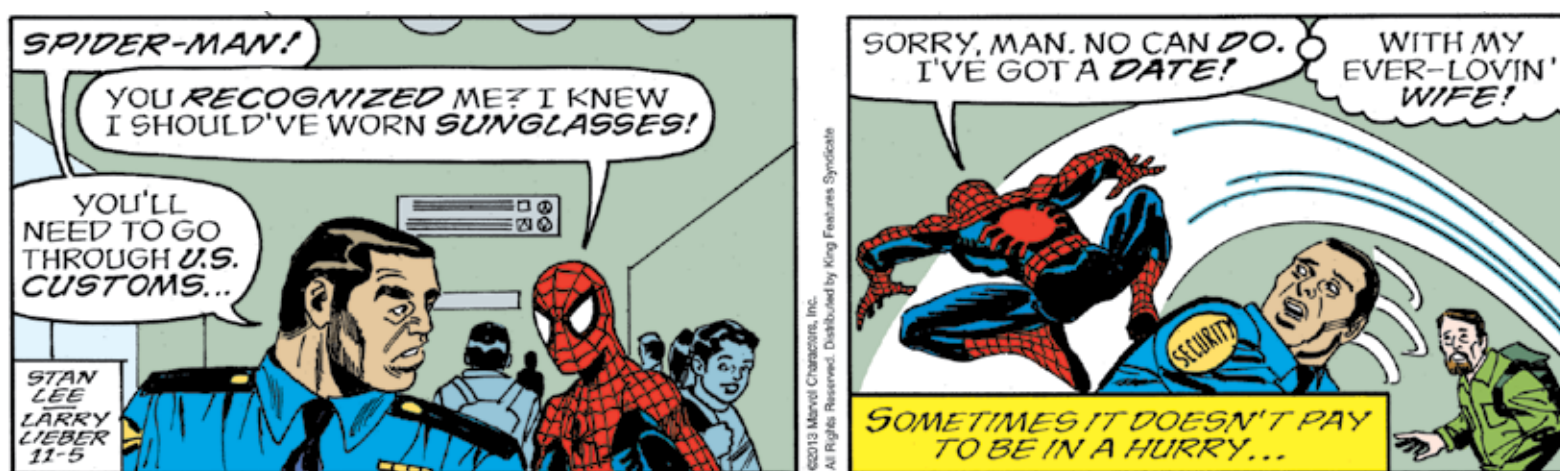
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5. Bake the dish for one hour, or until the potatoes are tender and the top is golden-brown.

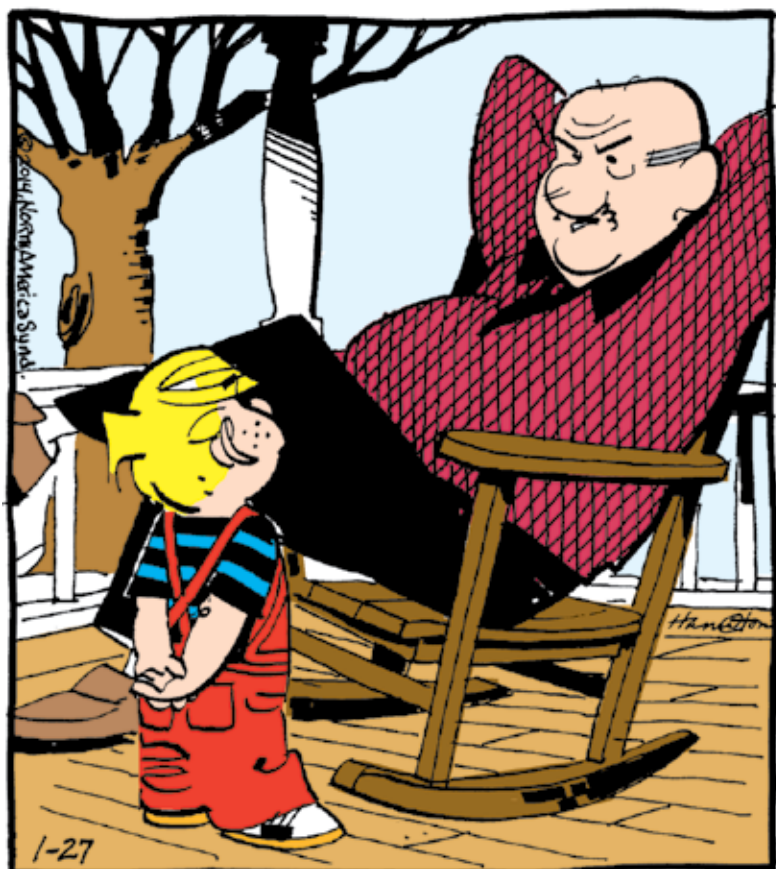
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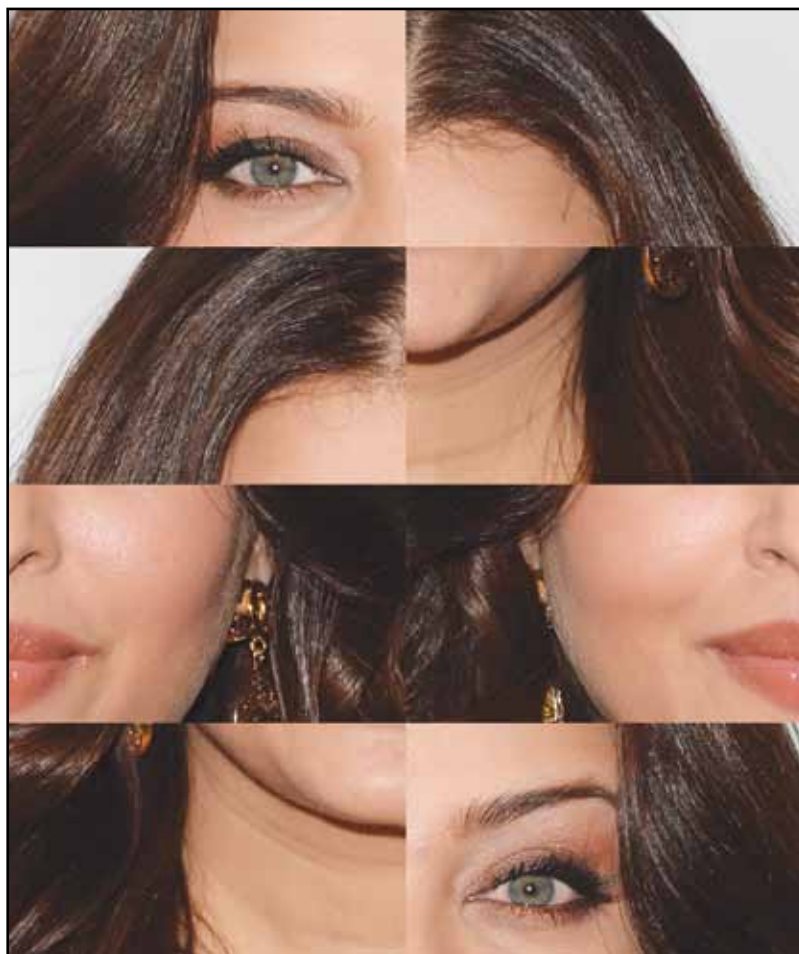
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Who's this?

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(MAR 21 - APR 20)

Could you have perhaps been a little too quick to judge someone you met recently? While you may have formed a strong opinion based on your own assessment, giving someone another chance could surprise you. Friends often come in unexpected forms.



TAURUS

(APR 21 - MAY 21)

Living the life of luxury is all well and good if you can afford to, but living beyond your means could land you in serious trouble. Try to curb the spending when it comes to unnecessary things. Do you really need to pick up the bill for your whole table?



GEMINI

(MAY 22 - JUN 21)

Facing the truth may often be hard, but the sooner you face facts, the sooner the air will start to clear. Pick up the phone or—even better—discuss a recent conflict in person. By showing your mature side you could gain someone's trust and respect.



CANCER

(JUN 22 - JUL 23)

There may be an exciting opportunity that's just within your reach but something is stopping you from reaching out and grabbing it. Try to figure out what is holding you back then work on changing it—don't be your own worst enemy.



LEO

(JUL 24 - AUG 23)

After a low period, something may turn up out of the blue that lifts your spirits. This provides a welcome relief and puts the smile back on your face. Be careful that you don't slip back under the grey cloud of gloom as soon as the moment's passed, though.



VIRGO

(AUG 24 - SEP 23)

Sometimes it feels as though you are exerting as much energy as you possible can; yet seem to be no closer to the finish line. Maybe slowing down and taking things at a steadier pace would work better? Slow and steady will still get there in the end.



LIBRA

(SEP 24 - OCT 23)

A friend has really proved themselves to you over the past couple of weeks. While others may have been dismissive of your problems, one person has taken the time to listen and given you some good advice. Make sure to thank him or her for being there.



SCORPIO

(OCT 24 - NOV 22)

The things you see in the news often can make you want to go out immediately and start helping those in need. If you really feel strongly, why not research some ways you can actually help, rather than wanting to save everyone with your own two hands?



SAGITTARIUS

(NOV 23 - DEC 21)

Your diet has been swinging all over the place since New Year. While you have good weeks that leave you feeling great, you are just as likely to have cancelled these out with 'bad weeks'. You can still enjoy the finer things in life, but keep moderation in mind.



CAPRICORN

(DEC 22 - JAN 20)

You may dream of a house in the countryside where you live a peaceful and relaxed life. However, you can sometimes forget that, to achieve this, you may need to slog it out for a few more years. Keep the end goal in the front of your mind if times get tough.



AQUARIUS

(JAN 21 - FEB 19)

Following on from a conversation with a colleague, you may have been looking into a new hobby. Even if those who agreed to join you drop out, if it's something you really want to do then go ahead—others will only regret passing up on the opportunity.



PISCES

(FEB 20 - MAR 20)

If you've been having a recurring dream, it could be a reflection of an everyday stress. Is there a situation in which you feel trapped? Whether it's work, a relationship or even your living arrangements, something is obviously making you feel claustrophobic.



This week's local weather

SUN

23rd

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 34%

MON

24th

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 21C
HUMIDITY 36%

TUE

25th

WARM
HIGH 24C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 33%

WED

26th

WARM
HIGH 26C
LOW 21C
HUMIDITY 37%

THU

27th

WARM
HIGH 26C
LOW 22C
HUMIDITY 37%

FRI

28th

WARM
HIGH 25C
LOW 20C
HUMIDITY 34%

SAT

1st

WARM
HIGH 24C
LOW 19C
HUMIDITY 35%

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